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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
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**Hawai'i Bicycling League Strongly Opposes HB 184, Relating to Electric Bicycles**

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and Committee Members,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

**Hawai'i Bicycling League strongly opposes HB 184**, which requires operators of low-speed electronic bicycles to possess a valid driver's license, instruction permit, or provisional license.

Electric bicycles, electric mopeds, and other electric mobility devices serve as a way to reduce the costs of living for Hawai'i residents while also working towards the State's climate goals. These devices can reduce the need to own a vehicle, often allowing households to eliminate a vehicle and save upwards of \$10,000 per year. They can also reduce the number of vehicles being used for short trips, therefore reducing parking demand and vehicle traffic.

At the Hawai'i Bicycling League, we believe that requiring a driver's license for electric bicycle riders is unnecessary and could deter people from adopting this eco-friendly transportation option. E-bikes are designed to be accessible to a wide range of riders, and most are intended for short commutes or recreational use, much like traditional bicycles. Requiring a driver's license creates an undue barrier for many people, particularly those who rely on e-bikes for affordable transportation. Instead of focusing on licensing, we advocate for more inclusive policies, such as safety training and proper bike infrastructure, to ensure that everyone can safely enjoy cycling without unnecessary government restrictions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please oppose **HB 184** and help create more affordable transportation alternatives.

Ride Aloha,

**Travis L. Counsell**  
Executive Director